GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Trial Report of Bell 407 & Eurocopter Helicopter
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a trial report of Bell 407 and Eurocopter AS 350 B3 helicopter to be incorporated in Indian Army;

(b) if so, the details and the reaction of the Government on said report;

(c) whether the Government proposes to induct fighter helicopter in the Indian Army Aviation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the proposals are likely to be finalised?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir. The trials have been completed and the General Staff evaluation of the trial report approved by the Indian Army has been accepted by the Ministry of Defence.

(c)to(e) : Army requirements are worked out on the basis of detailed assessments and threat perceptions. Equipment induction is an ongoing exercise and undertaken as per the projections in the long term, medium term and Annual Accretion Plan of the services under the provision of the Defence Procurement Procedure.